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KBIC PARTICIPATES AT NMU'S 15TH ANNUAL "LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER POWWOW."

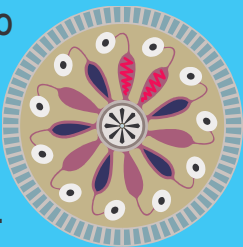


Native Americans from communities throughout the area joined together in an annual social gathering facilitated by Northern Michigan University's Native American Student Association in Marquette, Michigan. The annual powwow was held March 17 and 18, 2007. Many Keweenaw Bay Indian Community members participated in the event enjoying the dancing, singing, feasting and visiting with family and friends from far and near. The

picture above was taken during the second grand entry of the day (7:00 p.m.) on Saturday, March 17, 2007. A 1:00 p.m. grand entry was held on both Saturday and Sunday as well. All participants enjoyed a feast between grand entries on Saturday, late afternoon. Host Drum for this year's event was Medicine Lodge of Suttons Bay, Michigan. Head Veteran Dancer, Tony Davis, of Indian River, Michigan, led the KBIC Color Guard in grand entries. Zeke Diamond and Gina Diamond of Green Bay, Wisconsin, were chosen as Head Male and Female Dancers. Stanley Spruce (KBIC) of L'Anse, Michigan, did a fantastic job as Arena Director along with emcees Kenny Pheasant of Traverse City, Michigan, and Helen Roy of Lansing, Michigan. Helen certainly kept all dancers motivated with "you just never know when it is going to be a spot dance." Fire keeper was Sam Doyle of Clio, Michigan. Beautiful native American crafted items were available at the large number of vendors present. (More pictures of this event are on page six.)

Tribal Council Members:

- Susan J. LaFerner, President
- Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
- Toni Minton, Secretary
- Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Asst. Secretary
- Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
- Larry J. Denomie III, CEO
- Doreen Blaker
- William E. Emery
- Elizabeth D. Mayo
- Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
- Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
- Jerry Lee Curtis



Special points of interest:

- March 3, 2007, Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC child providers attend 'The Creative Curriculum for infants, toddlers & twos'
- Fire at Most Holy Name of Jesus, Mission Church In Assinins
- KBIC women enjoy 4th Annual Women's Retreat
- Class of 2007 — Four earn Associate Degrees at Ojibwa Community College
- Aainoojiyens
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

MARCH 3, 2007 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on March 3, 2007. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Toni Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Invocation—An opening prayer in Ojibwa and the Lord's Prayer were cited. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council.

Susan LaFerner reported in the President's Report, on February 1, 2007, she participated in a Bemidji Area I.H.S. Tribal Advisory Board (TAB) Teleconference call in which the Area Tribal Consultation Policy in regards to the Tribal Advisory Board (Advisory vs. Consultation) and how it may affect or not affect the Board with the Federal Advisory Committee Act was discussed. Dr. Annette will be providing more information at their next (TAB) next meeting. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (reauthorization) is expected to be introduced with hearings in the House on March 14, and the Senate on March 15, and 22, 2007. On February 2, 2007, President LaFerner attended a Meeting with Dan LeVeque, Jason Ayres and Larry Denomie for an update on the Marquette terminal building renovation and lease of space. There are no interested parties in leasing space at this time. On February 8, 2007, Francis LaPointe, Jim Nardi and President LaFerner had lunch with Bonnie Winick Kutz, at which time KBIC was presented with a workman's comp refund. This is partly due to the great safety measures that have been implemented and practiced throughout the years. Our rates have been reduced over the past five years. Good job employees! On February 9, 2007, Tribal Council visited and toured our Marquette terminal/airport property. On February 14, 2007, President LaFerner attended the Healthy Heart Fair that was held at the OCC. Our new Drug Task Force had a booth and gave information on the new Drug Tip Line: 353-DRUG (353-3784). On February 16, 2007, President LaFerner, Francis LaPointe, Jennifer Misegan and Larry Denomie attended a luncheon meeting with Commercial National Bank and Superior National Bank. It was a good time for these banks to meet Larry Denomie formally. On February 20, 2007, Larry and President LaFerner spent an hour on the "Keep It In The U.P." radio show with Ed Janisse on our Eagle Rock 98.7. Larry was introduced and they discussed the goals for the coming year and the goals that we achieved last year. They also talked about mining. On February 21, 2007, Susan LaFerner attended a Weed & Seed meeting. In anticipation of the award we will be receiving, there is now a separate Seed Committee, Weed Committee, and a Steering Committee, who will continue working and focusing on the K9 Program, School Liaison Officer Program, Baraga and Marquette Safe Haven Programs, Youth and Adult Re-entry Programs, and the continuance of the Drug Tip Line. On February 23, 2007, President LaFerner and Chuck Brumleve attended another radio show, "Copper Country Today," on the WOLV radio station. This show was on mining and aired February 25, 2007. Good news. A news release, "DEQ withdraws proposed decision on Kennecott Mining Application," was released on March 1, 2007. The public hearings have been canceled for the time being. Remember, we still need to write letters to the DEQ, the Governor, and tell everyone to become informed and involved. There is great information on this subject at the Tribal Center, and information can also be viewed at the "Save the Wild U.P." website. A new letter to the Governor is being compiled and will be available for those who wish to sign. (KBIC is encouraging signatures). On February 24, 2007, President LaFerner attended the Women's Retreat held at the Alberta Conference Center. It was a great retreat once again. The women enjoyed presentations on women's health issues, family safety and health issues, crafts, back and foot massages, exercise activities and of course, wonderful food. President LaFerner commended the Health Department on a successful and wonderful event. Tribal Council has held two meetings on the review of our Comprehensive Plan and plans on holding one, maybe two, more meetings as there is so much information to review. On February 27, 2007, President LaFerner and Attorney John Baker attended a meeting in Lansing with the Liquor Control Commission and the Tribes. This topic is on the agenda for closed session at the conclusion of today's meeting. An update on Proposal 2006-02 Impact Report, titled "The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is Based on a Political Relationship, not a Racial Classification," that was developed under the Commission of the United States, has been received by the President's Office. This was to be adopted by the Civil Rights Commission and Governor Granholm at a special meeting on February 26, 2007, in Lansing. This department has indicated their support for the position developed in the research paper for the

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continuation of the tuition waiver based on a political relationship between the Tribes and the government, not a racial one. However, the meeting was postponed due to the lack of quorum and is planned to be rescheduled within the next ten days. On February 28, 2007, KBIC received the opinion of the United States Court of Appeals of the Sixth Circuit on our Cigarette Tax case. President LaFerner indicated, "I am sorry to report that the Court affirmed the decision of Judge Bell and the District Court's entry of summary judgment on behalf of the State which was argued on September 11, 2006. This topic is on the agenda for closed session at the conclusion of today's meeting. A reminder to all Keweenaw Bay members—you need to present your I.D. card when purchasing gas at the Pines. If you do not have a card, please see Jeanne Kauppila at the Licensing Department at the Tribal Center.

The CEO Report was unavailable. Larry Denomie III, indicated that he would be presenting the report at the March 8, 2007 Tribal Council meeting and that it would be made available for the Tribal Newsletter to inform the Community of current events. **The CEO Report is posted at the end of this article.**

Toni Minton, gave the Secretary's Report for February 2007. At the regular scheduled Tribal Council meeting held on February 3, 2007, the President's Report, CEO's Report, Secretary's Report, and the Treasurer's Report were approved. A cash match in the amount of \$3,000 was donated to the Baraga Conservation District for a study grant application for the Huron River Watershed was approved. The Ojibwa Senior Citizens expansion was approved with the amendments of January 28, 2007, in order to remain within budget. Four individuals were approved to attend the Indigenous Farming Conference at the cost of \$1460. Council approved to purchase a van for the Even Start Program and December 2006 Department Head Reports were approved. Three special meetings were held during the month of February. The meeting held on February 6, 2007,—Council approved a business license renewal for John Hebert of Hebert Construction; approved a new business license for Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline of Native Power; extended the contracts of Dale Schmeisser and Dr. Brent Johnson until the end of February; accepted the resignation of Jeremy Voakes, TERO Director and approved offering the position to Robin Chosa. The meeting held on February 15, 2007—Council approved meeting minutes of January 18, 2007, and January 25, 2007; approved Resolution KB1529-2007 Johnson Road House bid by Jean Jokinen; approved Resolution KB1530-2007 Pikes Peak Easement; named Ojibwa Housing Authority the designee to apply for housing assistance grants for victims of domestic violence; approved the renewal rates of Blue Cross Blue Shield; approved the Even Start contract with Donald Heikkila; approved a zero tolerance of theft policy which includes all incidences of theft will be reported to the police and the prosecutor. The meeting held on February 22, 2007—Council approved meeting minutes of February 3, 2007, and February 6, 2007; approved the Even Start contract with Teaching Strategies; approved the contract with Dr. Dale Schmeisser for WIC; approved the contract with Michigan Tech for the Women's Retreat; approved a Leave Sharing Policy for Employees; approved Dr. Brent Johnson, Tribal Dentist, contract; approved \$1200 in donations (see Treasurer's Report); approved to seek bids for a sander for Tribal Construction; agreed to settle a claim with Accident Fund; and approved adding a Zero Tolerance of Theft Policy to the Government and Casino Employee Policy Books.

Jennifer Misegan reported in the Treasurer's Report that the signature cards have been completed for the main bank account. As it has been requested that a system for signing checks be made, to insure that someone is always available, she has prepared one which will be distributed to each council member to select a time convenient for them. Jennifer, Larry Denomie, Francis LaPointe and President LaFerner met with Commercial National Bank and Superior National Bank representatives on February 16, 2007. Online banking, financing the Marquette Casino and the banks desire to submit a proposal for our 401K plan was discussed. On February 22, 2007, Council reviewed the donation requests for the month and approved \$500 for the L'Anse Senior Lock-in party; \$500 for Baraga Bash; \$100 for the Lakeview Elementary 4th Grade; and \$100 for the L'Anse Daisy Girls Scout Troop. The Finance Team met on February 27, 2007, and reviewed the Government, Business and Casino financials through December. Problems, as well as successes, were pointed out and will be addressed. Jennifer indicated that she should have a comprehensive report for the membership in April, following the next finance meeting, scheduled for March 27, 2007. All audits should be completed by that date.

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Donald Carlson and Allen Gauthier presented an update from the 4th Annual Great Lakes Indigenous Farming Conference held on the White Earth Reservation, in Minnesota, that they attended February 9, 10, 11, 2007, along with two other Ojibwa seniors. They have information they'd like to pass on to our lawyers in the efforts against the mining concern. The information involved blueberries from the Yellow Dogs and Maple Syrup.

Jennifer Misegan presented information on different ethics training opportunities available for Council to attend. Discussion occurred, with the date of April 19, 2007, and April 20, 2007, to be considered for training by training facilitator Gary Montana.

Jennifer Misegan presented information received on a helicopter donation made by Council some time back to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 380 of Marquette County. They indicated that they have hit a brick wall in their efforts to purchase a Cobro helicopter for static display. However, their efforts are continuing, but they are unable to give a definite deadline for when a helicopter would be put on display and asked if we would like a refund on our donation of \$3057.70. **Motion by Michael LaFerner Sr. to leave the donation with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 380 of Marquette County, supported by Doreen Blaker, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.**

Larry Denomie presented three copier bids for Cherie Dakota for the health department. The current copier is quite old and is no longer operating. **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to approve the bid of U.P. Office Equipment in the amount of \$11,578, for a health department copier, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.**

Larry Denomie presented change order #2 for the Old 41 Water Main Extension. It is noted that phase 1 was completed for less than the contract amount of \$72,355. The total cost of this phase of the project was \$60,582. The geogrid fabric needed would add an additional \$2080, bringing the total project to \$62,622, which is still below the original contract amount. **Motion by William E. Emery to approve the change project #2 (geogrid fabric) for the amount of \$2,080, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.**

Discussion occurred regarding the Saturday Council meeting in April. **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to change the meeting date from April 7, 2007, to April 14, 2007, supported by Jennifer Misegan, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.**

Warren (Chris) Swartz gave an update on the Flambeau mine situation, which was discussed at a recent Voight Task Force meeting he attended. Remediation was done on the site and Kennecott wants to close the mine. They are looking for a certificate of completion. High concentration of minerals have been coming from the site. Two samples have been taken but more are needed. The Flambeau mine has had an impact on the fishing down stream. The river is polluted/contaminated because of the mine. They (Tribes/GLIFWC) believe there is on-going pollution at the site.

Department Head Reports for January 2007, were approved prior to entering closed session where Susan LaFerner, Attorney John Baker and Larry Denomie, were on the agenda.

Summary of CEO Report that will be presented to Council. Larry Denomie indicated that during the month of February he continued to meet with Department Heads. These meetings have been very helpful. On February 2, 2007, a meeting with Dan Laveck of Gundlach Champion was held for an update on the status of projects with them. Their report was distributed to Council. Council toured the former Marquette terminal building on February 9, 2007. On February 2, 2007, Larry Denomie attended a meeting with the Gaming Commission at the request of our General Managers. There have been some problems building between them and this meeting was intended to figure out how to best meet each others needs without building additional animosity. It was requested that the CEO be included in their communications in order to facilitate and help to solve problem situations. Sally Snyder of Ojibwa Housing Authority was contracted this year to complete tax preparations for KB Seniors. This arrangement will allow seniors to schedule personal appointments with Sally, and their tax returns can also be filed electronically. Jeremy Voakes resigned on February 3, 2007. Robin Chosa was offered the TERO Director position and has accepted. The Grant Specialist position has not been filled. In order to move forward with completing time sensitive grants, Liana Loonsfoot has been hired as a temporary Grant Writer. In-house training for em-

ployees will be offered for those who would like to apply for smaller departmental grants. We initially thought about bringing someone in to do the training, but have decided to set something up internally using Jesse Luttenton and Ojibwas Housing's writer Kristen Denomme to facilitate. The lease with Roeper's Restaurant is underway and meetings between the owners and John Mantila have begun. The Tribal Council has agreed to the 2007 monthly lease rate. The final lease document will be brought back to council for final approval. The general managers will be working on setting up customer service training for their employees in the near future. Mr. Denomie plans on sending some of the government's department employees who interact directly with members of whom the tribe provides services to, as well. Work continues on providing a place for the Ojibwa Senior's meals to be served during the renovation of their center. There are positions within the tribe that have not been filled. One is the New Day Treatment Center Director. Administration has met with Mike Jensen and Jerry Lee Curtis to review the situation and will be making a recommendation in March. The Casino Security Manager position in Baraga also is not filled. John Mantila has been instructed to setup the interviews in the very near future for that position. With the resigning of Joan DesRocher as Slot Manager, two interim managers have been assigned - one manager in Baraga and one in Marquette. I have indicated to both General Managers that this situation must not drag on for too long. Job descriptions will be developed splitting the two properties slot managers so that travel between the two no longer occurs. Unfortunately, two employees were terminated. One termination took place in February and the other in early March. Both positions have been posted and filled on an interim/temporary basis. Another vacancy to announce is the resignation submitted for the head cook at the Ojibwa Seniors. This position has been posted and will be hired in March. At the request of Council, Mr. Denomie discussed with Ed Janise the possibility of broadcasting the local news on our radio stations. He indicated to me that the expense to do this would be approximately \$30K annually, plus benefits for a reporter and an additional 10-35 thousand dollars for a news studio. He indicated that Dick Storm would not do news. On February 27, 2007, an informal budget/finance review meeting was held internally in preparation for the Tribal Council meeting at the end of next month. Issues were discussed and additional meetings with departments will take place also. On February 28, 2007, an incident occurred in the Bingo Hall which resulted in an employee arrest and another employee being sent for drug testing. The drug free work place policy was followed. The results at the time of this report were not available.



DRUG TIP LINE 353-DRUG 353-3784

If you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs on our reservation please let us know. Our community needs your help! If you choose to leave a message it will be recorded onto an answering machine in the office of the Chief of Police. Your name (if given) will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise.

Sponsored by the:
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Tribal Police
Department
and
the Drug Task
Force

“Win \$100 Cash” DRUG TIP LINE LOGO CONTEST
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Here's your chance to win some extra \$\$\$. Just submit a logo and make up a quote to go along with it, and you could win the \$\$. Deadline is April 17, 2007. Drop off your logo and quote, along with contact information at the Ojibwa Housing Office in Baraga by the deadline date, and if your entry is chosen, we will contact you. For more information call 1-800-275-5410 and ask for the Drug Task Force Representative. This contest is open to anyone who can use a little extra cash! Good luck.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Gladys Genschow (bottom left) - was recently hired as a **Pre-Program Teacher Assistant II**. Gladys indicates that she loves working with the infants. "I am married with four daughters. I am a Bad River Tribal member and have lived on the KBIC reservation since 1981."

Terri Tammelin (bottom right) - was recently hired as a **Pre-Program Teacher Assistant I**. Terri was born and raised in Baraga, Michigan. She is the mother of four

children, Ryan (age 20), Derek (age 18), Andrea (age 16) and Samantha (age 14). "I have a love for children and my goal is to have a future in working with them."

Jessica Waisanen (top left) - was recently hired as a **Pre-Program Teacher Assistant II**. She is the daughter of Don and Carole Carlson and is a KBIC descendant. She graduated from the Baraga High School and has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. She is currently 15 credits away from completing her Psychology degree from NMU. "I have two amazing sons, Joshua and Thomas, and together we enjoy painting, singing and playing cars. Thank you for the opportunity; I am genuinely excited to begin my position at the Pre-Primary Program."

Barbara Petosky (top right) - was recently hired as a **Pre-Program Teacher Assistant II**. Barb has been married to Warren Petosky for 39 years. They have seven children and thirteen grandchildren. "I've had over twenty years in child care, as I owned and operated a day care in my home. At fifty years in age, I enrolled at Finlandia University and earned an Associates Degree in Early Child Development. I feel blessed to be able to serve our community at the KBIC Pre-Primary Program. Thank you for this opportunity."

RECRUITING FIREFIGHTERS

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER?
Applications are now being accepted for the **2007 WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING SEASON**.

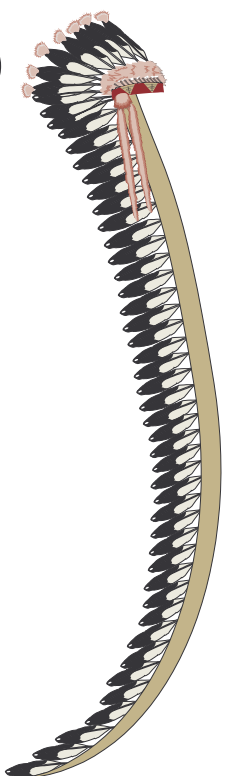
If you would like to join our crew or for more information, contact:

Robin Chosa at
(906) 353-6623, ext. 4167,
or stop by the TERO Office
@ the KBIC Tribal Center in Baraga

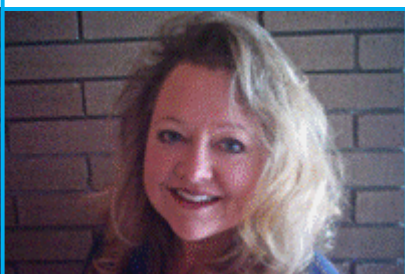
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02/09/07, to
Marianne and
Richard Wick-
strom. Kolt
was born at
Portage Health
Systems and
weighed 6 lbs.
10 oz., and was
17 ½ inches
long at birth.
He joins his big
sister, Jessica,
at home.



Vote for Beth Dix for L'Anse School Board Member on May 8, 2007.



My name is Beth Dix, and I am an enrolled KBIC member. I am married to Dave Dix. We have four children — Jordan attends the L'Anse High School and is in the 9th grade, Cassie attends the L'Anse Middle School and is in the 7th grade, Samuel (3rd grade) and

Sarah (1st grade) attend CJ Sullivan Elementary.

Being an actively involved parent has been a priority for me. I have been a substitute teacher, president of the PTO, and a volunteer in the classroom. I have four years of college education, worked in the real estate business for 12 years and have worked on the KBIC election board and the Powwow Committee for several years. Education is so important to me, and I owe it to my children and the children of this district to be a voice. Every child deserves quality education and the best environment to receive it. If elected, I intend to listen, work hard and make the choices that put the children's education first. Please go to the polls on May 8, 2007, and cast your vote for Beth Dix. Your support is needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Vote for Jason Ayres For L'Anse School Board on May 8, 2007.



Jason is married to tribal member Violet M. Friisvall Ayres and is the proud father of Sierra and Austin, also members of the KBIC and L'Anse students. Jason has been actively involved in his children's education and would like the opportunity to represent the students and parents of the L'Anse School District. Jason has served as Secretary for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Headstart Policy Council for one year and President of the Council for two years when Sierra and Austin were enrolled in the Headstart program. Jason attended Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 1993. Jason has worked for the Tribe as its Realty Director for 11 years.

Jason has the experience and knowledge to represent you and make informed decisions about your child's education. Jason believes that the key to a better school system lies in allowing the school to have more control over its own destiny through an active and informed School Board. If elected, Jason will focus on providing the children of this community the best education possible. Your support would be greatly appreciated on May 8, 2007. Please vote for Jason Ayres for L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education.

Ojibwa Housing Homebuyer Information & Training Sessions

Ojibwa Housing Authority – Zeba, April 3rd from 1-5 p.m.

Ojibwa Housing Community Building - Harvey, May 3rd from 1-5 pm

These sessions will provide information on a variety of lending agencies, the home buying process and home maintenance.

If you wish to attend, please contact Natalie Mleko or Christine LaPointe at 906-524-5514 to sign up.

KBIC CHILD PROVIDERS ATTEND 'THE CREATIVE CURRICULUM FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS & TWOS'



Teaching professionals from KBIC Pre-Primary Program, KBIC Even Start, KBIC Healthy Start, Tribal Early Head Start and a private day care provider spent three days in professional development at the Ojibwa Hotel/Resort on March 8, 9, and 10, 2007. The in-service titled 'The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & Twos' was presented by Sarah Semlak, Ph.D., from Teaching Strategies, Inc. of Washington D.C. Thanks to a generous grant from KBIC Even Start and support from KBIC Healthy Start, the twenty-four area teaching staff members were able to attend this top rated in-service close to home.

Staff spent time in lecture, hands-on activities and visited the Pre-Primary Center in Baraga, as part of learning a comprehensive, yet easy-to-use framework for planning and implementing a developmentally appropriate program for infants and toddlers. The emphasis of the training was on a curriculum for infants and toddlers that is focused on caregivers/teachers building responsive relationships with children and their families. Participants covered theory and research of child development, fundamental beliefs regarding young children, the child care learning environment, individualizing for each child/family, building partnerships with families, the importance of routines and ways to respond to infants and toddlers among other topics.

There was much laughter as well as serious reflection as teams made posters, developed songs, made learning games for each other and shared ideas around such topics as: infant/toddler care, health and safety, creating a welcoming environment, dabbling in art, diapering and toileting, music and movement, etc.

All participants found the in-service very worthwhile and highly motivating. The training provided them with a better insight of the teaching/learning process involved with children zero-three years of age. Delicious lunches and snacks for the three days were provided by KBIC Healthy Start.

A FIELD TRIP TO THE OCC LIBRARY



The Family Literacy portion of KBIC Even Start is held at the Library every week for the toddlers of the Indoor Play Center/Day Care. It gives the children an opportunity to learn about the library and to develop pre-reading skills. Pictured are the toddlers, teachers and the librarian on the field trip held March 15, 2007. This group is a section of the Pre-Primary Program.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING—KBIC YOUTH CLUB



(ABOVE) Davan Ravindran, Brandon DeCota, Sean Spruce and Ashok Ravindran climb the hills of snow, while snowshoeing during the After School Program on March 9, 2007.



(RIGHT) Jared Johnson of MTU works on problem solving with Lucas Julio and Sean Spruce, as Ashok Ravindran and Brandon DeCota look on.

Raymond completes "Writing with Light."



Justin Raymond, 15, son of Lisa (Denomie) Raymond, joined several youth from other western UP tribes on Friday, March 23, 2007, at the UP Children's Museum in Marquette, for a public reception of their works created, while participating in the *Waaseyaasibii'ige Writing with Light Photography Project*.

The project consisted of attendance at five sessions since October. The youth took pictures with black and white film, and a 35mm camera,

developed their pictures, and mounted and framed them. Their instructor was Christine Garceau. For more information on the project, see the website at www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans. The project was made possible through a grant by NMU Center for Native American Studies (CNAS), and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

FIRE AT MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS, MISSION CHURCH IN ASSININS



The Baraga Fire Department was called to a structure fire at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church of Assinins, near Baraga, in the early morning of March 3, 2007. They arrived at 12:40 a.m. and were on the scene until 5:00 a.m.

Keeweenaw Bay Fire Department and L'Anse Fire Department were also called to the scene for water and back-up. Seventeen members of the Baraga fire Department were on scene, as well as numerous members from the two other departments.

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KBIC WOMEN ENJOY 4TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT



The fourth annual Anwebiwin Agaaming Women's Retreat (2007) was held February 23 and 24, 2007, at the Ford Center in Alberta. Fifty women participated in the annual event. Women attended educational sessions on women's health, parenting and traditional teachings. They also participated in stress reduction activities such as massage and reflexology. Diane Charron provided instruction on quilt making, and each person was asked to make a square for the 2007 "family tree" quilt. The women also made dream catchers and beaded candle holders.

To promote health there was time to participate in yoga, snowshoeing, and screening for diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure was available. One highlight of the weekend was the humorous pajama fashion show. Presenters at the event included Dr. Kim Dovan, Dr. Teresa Frankovich and Ruth Bussey. Heather Wood coordinated the event and provided yoga instruction, Sue Ollia provided health screenings, Katie Stanaway and Ruth Keller taught how to make dream catchers and provided healthy snacks, Denise Maki helped assemble the crafting kits, while Elizabeth Mayo and Mary Dee Shanahan assisted with the various activities. The weekend concluded with a banquet dinner on Saturday night. Women enjoyed the time to visit with friends and relatives, craft, quilt and have fun. Everyone left the retreat feeling relaxed and more knowledgeable about how to incorporate health promoting behaviors into their lives. The event was made possible by a grant from the Healthy Anishinabe Women's Project and contributions from the following tribal programs: the Women's Health Circle, Healthy Start, the KBIC Diabetes program, WOW and STEPS to a Healthy Anishinabe program. A follow up dinner for all who attended is being planned for the end of April; participants will be notified by mail when plans are confirmed.



LOST KEYS: Some keys were found in the Tribal Center parking lot on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. Please contact the KBIC Personnel Department to identify. (906) 353-6623, ext. 4176.

Library News... Indian Country Pow Wow Today has just arrived. It gives a complete listing of 2007-2008 Pow Wow's.
~ Mary Bergerson, OCC Librarian

Library Hours:
Monday 1-7 pm
Tuesday 11-4 pm
Wednesday 1-7 pm
Thursday 12-3 pm
Closed on Fridays



CLASS OF 2007 — FOUR EARN ASSOCIATE DEGREES AT OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

GLORIA JEAN SHALIFOE



Gloria is married to Richard J. Shalifoe. She has three children, John Paul DeCota, Nora Leah DeCota, and Shanna Marie DeCota. Gloria is a member of AISES and the Writer's Society. Gloria enjoys reading, camping, and is interested in the environment. Following graduation, she plans to attend NMU to pursue a degree in environmental science. Gloria's long-term goal is to graduate from Northern Michigan University with that environmental science degree. She currently is employed by the KBIC as the Housekeeping Supervisor.

KATHERINE ENGLE



Katherine is the daughter of Doug and Carla Engle, and the mother of Jace and Ava Engle. Katherine has been active with AIBL and has been on the Dean's list at OCC. Her interests/hobbies include art, music, reading and playing with her two children. Katherine's plans following graduation is to attend MTU to obtain a

Business Degree. She currently is employed by Statewide Real Estate of L'Anse. Her long-term goal is to own a Real Estate Investment Firm.

FRANCIS LAPOINTE II



Francis is the son of Francis "Hosh" LaPointe Jr. and Nancy Rose Kauppila. His college activities include: AIBL, AIHEC, AISES, and Internships. He is currently a DESTINY Intern at OCC. Francis enjoys basketball, snowmobiling and playing Xbox 360. Francis plans on attending

NMU for a Business degree and returning to KBIC to work for the tribe.

SUZANNE LYNN JONDREAU



Suzanne is the daughter of the late Alice Jondreau/Hadden and step-father Steve Hadden. Her partner for the past 5 ½ years is Tabathia Miller. Suzanne has been active in AIHEC, AIBL, AISES, and has gained NASA Summer Research experience. Suzanne Jondreau has achieved honors status while at OCC. She is currently employed full-time with the Ojibwa Housing Authority as the Accounting Assistant. Suzanne is the First Lieutenant of the Baraga Fire Department, where she has served the community since August of 1998. Suzanne enjoys firefighting, sports, jet skiing, camping, boating, and most of all, spending time with Tabathia and her family—especially her four beautiful nephews. Suzanne plans on continuing her education at OCC until next Spring when she plans on transferring back to NMU. She previously attended NMU for two semesters. Her long-term goals are to study Native American Law or Native American Education. Since attending OCC, she has become more aware of our native history, ancestry and culture. She would like to be able to show the younger generation where we came from, the struggles we have over come as native people, and what we must do to keep our culture, treaties and traditions as Anishinabe alive.

BARAGA FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS NEW RESCUE VEHICLE, CHOSA TAKES DELIVERY



BFD's Assistant Chief Tom Chosa and FF Todd Chosa traveled to the KME world headquarters in Nesquehoning, PA, in mid-March to

take delivery of a new 14' light duty rescue vehicle. The unit is mounted on a 2007 Ford F-550 4x4 chassis with 6.0L Turbo Diesel engine. The truck features a 5000 watt Honda generator with a 200' electric cord reel, 2-750 watt telescoping scene lights with tripod mounts, 3 bottle cascade system with a Bauer SCBA cylinder fill station. The rescue has enough storage compartments to carry the departments 2500 gallon portable water tank, firefighter turnout gear, ice rescue equipment, etc., as well as any future rescue equipment needs.

It was purchased with funds from the Village of Baraga and the Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community, with each contributing 50%. This project began in December of 2005 and also included the purchase of a North Shore breathing air compressor for the department's existing SCBA cascade system.

This vehicle will replace the department's current equipment truck which is an old ambulance that was obtained from Bay Ambulance.



DIABETES EXPO 2007

The U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network Diabetes Expo is Wednesday, April 11th, 2007, from 10am—2pm EST, at Lakeview Arena in Marquette, MI. The Expo provides diabetes information, free screenings, cooking demonstrations and information on diabetes services across the UP. Transportation available.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe is challenging all Michigan tribes. Record your steps to help KBIC succeed.

Contact the KBIC Diabetes Program at 353-4519 to register for transportation or for more information.

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Eileen C. Hofbauer
(February 1, 1923—February 26, 2007)

Eileen C. Hofbauer, age 84, of Ashland, WI, passed away Monday, February 26, 2007, at forest Haven in Ashland, WI. She was born February 1, 1923, in Munising, MI. She was the daughter of the late George and Lillian (Emery) Hofbauer. She graduated from L'Anse High School in 1941. She then attended and graduated from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN, and continued her studies at St. Scholastica and Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, to obtain a master's degree in nursing. Eileen taught and administered nursing programs at St. Scholastica for approximately 25 years and Saint Benedict's College in St. Joseph, MN, for ten years. She started the ADN nursing program at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Ashland, WI, retiring in 1988, after 15 years of service. Eileen was very dedicated to her profession of nursing, her students of nursing and her religion.

Eileen was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, The Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Ashland, WI, and former member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in L'Anse, MI.

Eileen is survived by four nephews, James of Washington, Thomas of Florida, Gerald of Michigan and Charles Hofbauer of Florida; three nieces, Mary Hofbauer Evans of Colorado, and Linda and Kris Hofbauer of Michigan; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Hofbauer of L'Anse, and Marilyn Hofbauer of Ionia, MI, and numerous great nieces and nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her two brothers, George and Roland Hofbauer.

John S. DeCota
(February 2, 1929—March 2, 2007)

John S. DeCota, age 78, of Ontonagon, MI, passed away Friday, March 2, 2007, at Ontonagon Memorial Hospital. He was born in Assinins, MI, on February 2, 1929. He was the son of the late Joseph and Josephine (Shalifoe) DeCota. John attended the Mission School in Assinins. He served in the US Army 101st Airborne division during the Korean Conflict. John was employed in the city of Milwaukee as a professional tree trimmer until his retirement. He returned to the area two years ago. John was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Mr. DeCota is survived by his son, George DeCota of L'Anse, stepdaughter, Gloria Shalifoe of L'Anse, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and sister, Josephine (Virgil) Binnion of Stevenville, MI. He was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service for Mr. DeCota was held on Monday, March 5, 2007, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel with Father George Maki officiating. Baraga County Area Veterans, under the direction of the Baraga American Legion Post 444, conducted military honors.

What is the Weed and Seed Community Initiative?

KBIC has been implementing a comprehensive strategy to assist our Native American Community in bringing together people and resources to prevent and control crime, and therefore improve the quality of life within the neighborhoods of the L'Anse Indian Reservation and Marquette Trust Lands.

A Weed and Seed Steering Committee has met regularly since last summer in preparation for the Weed and Seed Communities grant application which was submitted during January 2007. What will this mean for the tribe if the five-year grant from the United States Department of Justice is awarded? The five-year plan will focus on the development expansion of the identified Weed and Seed strategies in the three designated neighborhoods of Baraga, Zeba and the Marquette Trust Lands. The strategies will include the establishment of Re-Entry Programs for youth, young adult and adult offenders; School Liaison Program(s); Police Activity League (PAL) Program activities for youth; Neighborhood Restoration Projects; and expansion of the K-9 Officer Program. Some of the activities started are the establishment of Safe Havens, a Drug Tip Line and community education.

SECOND COMMUNITY GATHERING HELD FOR
REVITALIZATION AND PRESERVATION
OF THE LANGUAGE



On Thursday, March 1, 2007, the second Community Gathering was held at the Ojibwa Casino Chippewa Rooms. Even with a major Spring snow storm threatening, a total of sixty-six people were in attendance including eleven youth. The Woodland Singers Drum opened the meeting with an honor song, and Paul Halverson gave the prayer.

The KBIC Culture Committee recognized the Tribal Council Members who were present at the Community Gathering: Susan LaFernier, President, Larry Denomie, CEO, and Council members Jerry Lee Curtis, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, and Chiz Mathews. In addition to the written survey drawing, door prizes were awarded to attendees. Congratulation to the written survey drawing winners: Nancy Voakes, Paul Halverson, and Isabel Chosa. Three hundred and twenty-three (323) written surveys were returned, for a total of a 27% survey response from the Community. That is awesome!

Carrie Ashbrook, the new Language Assessment Coordinator, discussed what can YOU do to help with the Revitalization and Preservation of the language: attend the Community Gatherings, fill out a language survey, tell others about what KBIC is doing to preserve the language and help an Elder or youth fill out a written language survey. Oral interview surveys will be set-up in the months of April and May. Oral interviews will be selected as a lottery to meet a sample of demographics - male/female and age range - within the Community. Over 140 tribal members expressed interest in participating in the oral survey interview process. Due to the limited time line for the grant activities, the number of oral interviews done in April and May will be limited. The KBIC Tribal Preservation Office (THPO) will assist in continuation of the oral interviews in the following year.

If you have not already filled out a written survey, contact Carrie Ashbrook at (906) 353-7020 or stop by the KBIC Culture Center to pick up a written survey. Carrie's office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8 a.m. - 4: 30 p.m. (variation will occur when travel is necessary).

Mark your calendars for the next Community Gathering scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 6 p.m. Watch for more details!



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community/Employment Opportunities

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact:
KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210
or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

• Cleaning person—closes April 2 • Unit Manager, Part-time —closes April 4

On Call positions:
LPN - RN - Unit Manager - Account Executive/Sales -
Child Care Provider - Cashier - Receptionist/Clerical Worker.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

KBIC Tribal Social Services staff provides various services to strengthen families. Prevention and intervention services include teaching parenting skills, life skills, stress management, problem-solving skills, mediation, mentoring, support, advocacy, and coordinating with other agencies.

Tribal Social Services and other agency staff include:

Judith Heath – Director	Isabelle H. Welsh - Prevention Worker
Ed Gransell – Protective Services Worker	Bill Kirchhofer – Juvenile Justice Worker
Nancy Pawlowski – Clerk/Case Aide	George Newman – MICWA Worker

The Tribal Social Services Department is located approximately one-half mile west of the Ojibwa Casino on M38 in Baraga, Michigan. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

***Our children are our future let's keep them safe.
Your report may be the only way of keeping a child safe.
Report child abuse and neglect.***

Baraga County:

KBIC Tribal Social Services
906-353-4201
Department of Human Services
906-353-4700
24-Hour Child Abuse/Neglect
906-524-6117

Marquette County:

KBIC Tribal Social Services
906-353-4201
Department of Human Services
906-228-9691
Nights, Weekends, & Holidays
906-228-7570

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT: Contact George or Judy at 906-353-4201.

Preventing and Stopping Child Abuse

1. Do not leave young children alone or unattended
2. Teach children rules of "Stranger Danger"
3. Carefully choose caretakers
4. Set boundaries
5. Teach "Right Touch, Wrong Touch"
6. Guard Internet use
7. Teach children assertiveness skills
8. Listen to children

Excerpt from Protecting Children from Abuse, by Elizabeth Applebaum, Life's Great!

Help Your Children Feel Loved and Secure

We can all take steps to strengthen our relationships with our children, including:

- Make sure your children know you love them, even when they do something wrong.
- Encourage your children. Praise their achievements and talents. Recognize the skills they are developing.
- Spend time with your children. Do things together that you both enjoy. Listen to your children.
- Learn how to use nonphysical options for discipline. Many alternatives exist. Depending on your child's age and level of development, these may include simply redirecting your child's attention, offering choices, or using "time out."

nccanch.acf.hhs.gov

BIA Scholarship Deadline

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2007-08 academic year is May 1, 2007. Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan attending a 2 or 4 yr. Michigan college in pursuit of a 2 or 4 yr. degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Rd., Baraga MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

ELDER TO BE HONORED

Earl Otchingwanigan, an elder from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, won a Heritage Award from the Michigan Traditional Arts Program. He will receive his award in August, during the Folklife Festival and Woodland Indian Basketmakers Gathering at Michigan State University. Otchingwanigan has been featured in two videos that share the art of traditional birchbark canoes and wigwam instruction. "Earl's Canoe" was a PBS program produced in Wisconsin. More recently, "Earl's Wigwam" was produced by the Hannahville Indian School, the NMU Center for Native American Studies (CNAS) and Otchingwanigan. Staff from Public TV 13 and staff from CNAS have met with Otchingwanigan about a possible future video project reflecting on his life and his work with the Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwa Language).

The KBIC Cultural Committee & The ANA Language Assessment Program

invites the public to the

NISHNAABEMWIN PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM WORKSHOP

April 4 - 6, 2007
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Niiwin Akeaa Community Center
Baraga, MI

***LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
DAILY DOOR PRIZES***

Three Day Training Workshop

Day One:

- Overview of Bay Mills Community College's Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program.
- A brief history of language education.
- Breakthrough in Language Education Research from the 1960's to present.
- The immersion classroom and the natural approach to language instruction, Part I and II.

Day Two:

- The immersion classroom and the natural approach to language instruction III and IV.
- What goes on in the bilingual brain.

Day Three:

- Immersion education, what does the research say.
- Indigenous language revitalization: stopping and reversing language loss.
- Consideration when developing a community revitalization initiative.

For more information and/or to register contact the KBIC Cultural Committee or the ANA Language Program at (906) 353-7020 or (906) 353-6623 ext. 4134.

PRESS RELEASE: March 19, 2007

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Will Appeal Cigarette Tax Decision

The Tribal Council decided on March 8, 2007, after meeting with the Tribe's cigarette business license holders and receiving legal advice from the law firm of Dorsey & Whitney to file a petition for a rehearing with the entire United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The petition for the rehearing was filed with the Court of Appeals on March 14, 2007.

In the case of *KBIC v. Jay Rising, Treasurer of the State of Michigan*, the Community is challenging the state's efforts to tax tobacco products sold by the Community's cigarette outlets and licensed business to non Indian purchasers. The case was dismissed by Judge Robert Holmes Bell, United States District Court Judge for the Western District of Michigan, when he granted motions for summary judgment brought by the state defendants. Judge Bell's decision was then appealed by the Community to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and was argued on September 11, 2006, in Cincinnati, Ohio. On February 28, 2007, a panel of the Sixth Circuit Court issued an opinion which affirmed the Judge Bell's decision in favor of the state.

The basis for the Community's request for rehearing are the provisions of the Community's Treating of 1842, and existing Federal case law that hold that it is a fundamental precept of law, repeatedly and recently affirmed by the Federal courts, that Tribal sovereignty is not subject or subordinate to state law.

The Tribal Council will be scheduling a date in the near future to discuss various tax issues with members of the Community.

~Susan J. LaFerner, Tribal President

(9) Zhaangaswi

April 2007

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Youth Club Flower Bulb Sale this month.

ASP—After School Program
BCG — Baraga County Gymnastics

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Rez Runner - Team 6</u> <u>3:00 - 5:00</u> <u>Rez Runner - Team 3</u> <u>6:00 - 8:00</u>	2 <u>ASP - 3:30-5:30</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u>	3 <u>ASP – 3:30 – 5:30</u> <u>Rez Runners - Boys Team 1</u> <u>4-5:30 pm</u> <u>Karate - 5:50 pm</u> <u>Girl Scouts - 6 pm</u> <u>Rez Runners - Girls Team 2</u> <u>5:30 - 7:30</u> <u>Rez Runners - Boys Team 5</u> <u>7:30 - 9:30</u>	4 <u>Language Immersion 9-4</u> <u>Head Start Gym Day</u> <u>ASP – 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u>	5 <u>Language Immersion 9-4</u> <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>Little Rez Runners - 4:00 - 5:30</u> <u>Open Gym: 5:30 - 7:30</u> <u>Rez Runners- Team 4 - 7:30 - 9:00</u>	6 <u>Language Immersion 9-4</u> <u>Good Friday</u> <u>Gov't Offices are Closed</u> <u>Fish fry for Most Holy Name, 5-7</u>	7 <u>Girls Rez Runner - Team 4</u> <u>Chad - 11:30 - 1:00</u> <u>Open Gym: 5- 9pm</u>
8 <u>Easter Sunday</u>	9 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u> <u>Youth Council Meeting 6 pm</u>	10 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>Rez Runners - Boys Team 1</u> <u>4-5:30 pm</u> <u>Karate - 5:50 pm</u> <u>Girl Scouts - 6 pm</u> <u>Rez Runners - Girls Team 2</u> <u>5:30 - 7:30</u> <u>Rez Runners - Boys Team 5</u> <u>7:30 - 9:30</u>	11 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u>	12 <u>BASH Indian Taco Sale</u> <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>Little Rez Runners - 4:00 - 5:30</u> <u>Open Gym: 5:30 - 7:30</u> <u>Rez Runners- Team 4 - 7:30 - 9:00</u>	13 <u>ASP - 8:00 - 5:30</u> <u>Rez Runner Team 5 - 7:00 - 9:30</u> RESCHEDULED <u>Youth Dance 8-12</u>	14 <u>Girls Rez Runner - Team 4</u> <u>Chad - 11:30 - 1:00</u> <u>Visit the KBIC Youth Booth @ Baraga "Spring Fling"!! 11-4</u> SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND-RAISER FOR ALICIA Jacker, 4-7PM <u>Open Gym: 5- 9pm</u>
15 <u>Rez Runner - Team 6</u> <u>3:00 - 5:00</u> <u>Rez Runner - Team 3</u> <u>6:00 - 8:00</u>	16 <u>Summer Planning – 1:00 p.m.</u> <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u> <u>Youth Committee Meeting 5 pm</u>	17 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>Rez Runners - Boys Team 1</u> <u>4-5:30 pm</u> <u>Karate - 5:50 pm</u> <u>Girl Scouts - 6 pm</u> <u>Rez Runners - Girls Team 2</u> <u>5:30 - 7:30</u> <u>Rez Runners - Boys Team 5</u> <u>7:30 - 9:30</u>	18 <u>Head Start Gym Day</u> <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u>	19 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>Little Rez Runners - 4:00 - 5:30</u> <u>Open Gym: 5:30 - 7:30</u> <u>Rez Runners- Team 4 - 7:30 - 9:00</u>	20 <u>ASP - 8:00 - 5:30</u> <u>Rez Runner Team 5 - 7:00 - 9:30</u>	21 <u>Girls Rez Runner - Team 4</u> <u>Chad - 11:30 - 1:00</u> <u>BCG Meet in Wisconsin!</u> <u>Open Gym: 5- 9pm</u>
22 <u>Rez Runner - Team 6</u> <u>3:00 - 5:00</u> <u>Rez Runner - Team 3</u> <u>6:00 - 8:00</u>	23 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u>	24 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>Rez Runners - Boys Team 1</u> <u>4-5:30 pm</u> <u>Karate - 5:50 pm</u> <u>Girl Scouts - 6 pm</u> <u>Rez Runners - Girls Team 2</u> <u>5:30 - 7:30</u> <u>Rez Runners - Boys Team 5</u> <u>7:30 - 9:30</u>	25 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u>	26 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>Little Rez Runners - 4:00 - 5:30</u> <u>Open Gym: 5:30 - 7:30</u> <u>Rez Runners- Team 4 - 7:30 - 9:00</u>	27 <u>ASP - 8:00 - 5:30</u> <u>Rez Runner Team 5 - 7:00 - 9:30</u>	28 <u>Girls Rez Runner - Team 4</u> <u>Chad - 11:30 - 1:00</u> cancelled BARAGA PROM <u>NO Open Gym !!</u>
29 <u>Rez Runner - Team 6</u> <u>3:00 - 5:00</u> <u>Rez Runner - Team 3</u> <u>6:00 - 8:00</u>	30 <u>ASP - 3:30 - 5:30</u> <u>After School Special "Maps"</u> <u>BCG - 5:00 - 9:00</u>	Carole will be on vacation 3/30-4/5. Carole will be attending NIWHRC meeting in DC 4/9-4/12. Please see Becky or Dana for any concerns.		<p style="text-align: center;"> To place an ad, contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@ kbic-nsn.gov or call 906-201-0263. To be added to the mailing list, or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at 353-4113. </p>		

Summer Educational Opportunities for Tribal Youth – Register Today!!

Now is the time to be registering your son or daughter in various local summer youth camps, as **most deadlines are on or near April 15th**. Stop by the Youth Programs office in the Niiwin Akeea Center to pick up your application today. Listed below are enrichment opportunities that are available at little to no cost and will afford your child a great learning experience! We have applications at the youth offices – Stop by and sign up your child today for a great summer fun!

Camp	Dates	Age/Grade	Cost	Deadline	Contact
AGES	6/19-21/07 (orientation) 6/25-8/10/07 Internship	UP High School junior or senior	Selected candidate receives a stipend	Available 3/15. Due April 27	http://www.mqh.org/uphec Check website
7 th Biennial Lake Superior Youth Symposium	May 10-13, 2007	Grades 8-12	16 scholarships available for Native American students (worth 125.00)	April 1	ajoyal@nmu.edu Forms available at Youth Office
National Indian Youth Leadership Project	June 17-23, 2007	Grades 5, 6, 7	4 student camp positions available	April 15	richs@hvl.bia.edu Forms available at Youth Office
American Indian Workshop (AIW) at MTU	June 19-23	Ages 12-15	Many slots available	April 27th	aiw@mtu.edu Forms available at Youth Office and Schools
AAIP National Native Youth Initiative	June 23- July 1	16-18 y/o 2.5 GPA	All Expenses paid by AAIP	May 10th	www.aaip.org Forms available at Youth Office
Summer Youth Program	July 8- Aug 4	Grades 6-11 in 2007	Six scholarships will be paid by ANA grant	ASAP	http://youthprograms.mtu.edu/syp/explorations.asp


MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS/ BLESSED KATERI PARISH FUNDRAISER - 2007

Friday nights during lent. Remaining date: April 6th.
Time: 5-7 p.m.

Menu: Fish, baked for fried
Potato, baked or cottage fries
Fry bread
Coleslaw—Vegetable
Beverages
Deserts

Costs: \$9.00 for adults
\$5.00 for children

Held: At the Ojibwa Senior Citizens



SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

April 14th, 4-7 pm, Baraga American Legion
\$7.00 adults, \$4.00 youth Take-outs available.

Proceeds are to help Alicia Jacker, Native American flutist, to attend the Blue Lake International Tour Band.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH! Sponsored by the American Legion. Call 353-6235 to order

Alicia Jacker was featured as the fancy shawl dancer on the front page of the March 2007, issue of Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag. *She gives to our community. let's give back to her!*

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"WALKING CHALLENGE TRIBE TO TRIBE"

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe is challenging all Michigan tribes. Record your steps to help KBIC succeed.



To participate in the challenge you will need to track your steps from March 21, 2007, through July 13, 2007. You will receive a log book and a pedometer.



For more information contact
Heather at 353-4546
or Kathy at 353-4519.



Sponsored by KBIC Diabetes Program, Women's Health Circle, S.T.E.P.S., Health Start

March 1, 2007

DEQ WITHDRAWS PROPOSED DECISION ON KENNECOTT MINING APPLICATION

The Department of Environmental Quality announced today (March 1, 2007), that it has withdrawn its proposed decision to approve a permit for the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company to conduct mining operations at the proposed Eagle Project Mine. The decision was made after discovering that two reports on the structural integrity of the mine were not properly made part of the public record or given a comprehensive technical review.

As a result, there has been an insufficient opportunity for the entire mining team and DEQ management to review the additional technical reports and determine their significance from a technical, legal, and policy perspective.

"This department has committed itself to making this process as open and transparent as possible," said DEQ Director Steven E. Chester. "In light of this information, we must allow the needed time for ourselves, as well as the public, to give it the appropriate review."

Director Chester also announced that the public hearings, scheduled for March 6-8, 2007, in Marquette, and March 12, 2007, in Lansing, will be postponed and rescheduled at a later date.

"I regret that canceling the hearings at this time may create an inconvenience for those who were planning to attend, but it is critical for us to gain a better understanding of the situation before we engage in that important part of this process," added Director Chester.

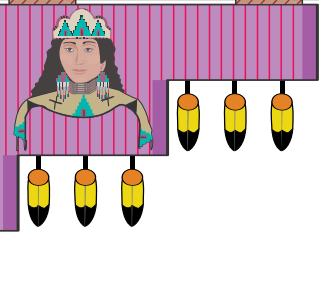
In addition to a technical review of the reports, the department will be undertaking an extensive procedural review to determine how these documents were not immediately given the proper consideration and to ensure that there is a complete public record of information related to the mining proposal and its review. During this review, affected staff will be reassigned to other projects.

The DEQ will share the findings of its review with the public as that information becomes available, and the technical reports will be posted on the DEQ's Website at www.michigan.gov/degogs, the click on Kennecott Eagle Projects.

OJIBWEMOWIN

Iskigamizige Giizis Maple Sugar Making Moon- April

*Ojibwemowin page created by: JoAnne Racette,
KBIC Ojibwa Community College Native American
Studies Instructor.*



Vocabulary

ininatig - maple tree
wishobaabo - sap
iskigamizigan - the sugar camp
jiiwagamizigan - syrup
bidoon - bring it

nongom - now
anji-bimaadizi - he changes his own life
akiwenzii(yag) - elderly man
maanoo - let it be, never mind
awiba - it is calm

FIND THE WORDS

A A N I M O S H M A G M A K
N W A W A G O S A H G M A J
J A G E N S W A N A B A I S
I I K A W I S H O B A A B O
B O I Z A S A W O A K N S H
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EARTH KEEPER'S CLEAN SWEEP '07—PHARMACEUTICAL EVENT

We honor the greatness in you. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and K.B.I.C. Natural Resource Department is once again, for the third year, pleased to be able to support and volunteer for this year's Earth Keeper's Clean Sweep '07-Pharmaceutical event. We are all responsible for taking care of the precious environment that has been given to use from our Creator. Gathering and disposing of outdated pharmaceuticals properly not only will help the environment, it will protect human and animal lives from toxic chemicals that can reach our water and soil systems. Please join us in the collection process on April 21, 2007, 9 am—12 noon, at the United Lutheran Church in L'Anse, MI. We thank you all for being "Keepers of the Earth." Miigwetch.

~ Susan LaFornier, Tribal President



(11) Ashi bezhig

Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

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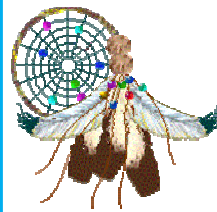
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SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR OCC COMMENCEMENTS

Shirley Brozzo, Associate Director of Northern Michigan University's Multicultural Education and Resource Center and KBIC member, will speak at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's Commencement on May 5, 2007. Ms. Brozzo is the author of over 30 published essays, stories, and poems and earned a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in May 2006.

She completed a Master of Arts in English in 1994, and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1992. In addition to her work in helping students succeed in college, Ms. Brozzo teaches courses in Native American Studies, including a course she developed, Storytelling by Native American Women.



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